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**SUBJECT:** Retirement and Social Security

**TO:** External Survey Detachment 22, APO 777  
**Attention:** [REDACTED]

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1. Reference is made to your memorandum to [REDACTED] dated 4 December 1946, on the above subject. That memorandum was referred to this office for reply.

2. Your general understanding concerning retirement deductions is correct. At the present time, there is no official connection between these retirement deductions and the usual retirement deductions in the case of Government employees. Efforts are being made to formalize the retirement status of employees who are having retirement deductions made. Service with this organization may be granted full credit for Government service for retirement purposes in the event an employee transfers to another Government agency. At that time, if the employee is hired in a position subject to the Retirement Act, he will have the option of depositing an amount in the Retirement Fund equal to the deductions that would have been made during the time he was employed by this organization. Therefore, the deductions being made by employees now will be available for contribution to the Retirement Fund in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.

3. The term "social security" generally refers to the Social Security Act, and deductions made from employees' pay in the case of employers other than the United States Government. If this is the type of "social security" to which you refer, we can advise that there is no connection whatsoever with the retirement deductions which the employee may have made at his option.

4. In the event the employee returns to regular Civil Service status or other Government status, the time served with this organization will be considered as Government service. Such employee will lose no rights or status he might have had at the time he was employed by this organization.


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5. Arrangements are being made to formalize the present retirement deductions in order that such deductions may be placed in the official Retirement Fund. When such arrangements are completed, information will be forwarded to field stations.

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